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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please further preliminarily amend the subject continued prosecution application (CPA)

as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Add claims 22-30 that read as follows:

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22. (NEW) A digital optical communication device comprising:
an optical reception circuit converting an optical signal received from any
external source to an electric signal;
a decoding circuit decoding the electric signal resultant from conversion by
said optical reception circuit and judging whether or not the decoding is normally